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AN ACT to amend the tax law, in relation to qualified capital invest-
ments at relocated vendor tracks in Sullivan county

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEM-
BLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 Section 1. Clause (G) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph 1 of subdivi-
2 sion b of section 1612 of the tax law, as amended by section 1 of part
3 O-1 of chapter 57 of the laws of 2009, is amended to read as follows:
4 (G) notwithstanding any other provisions of this section, when a relo-
5 cated vendor track at which a qualified capital investment has been made
6 and no fewer than [two] ONE thousand full-time, permanent employees have
7 been newly hired, is located in Sullivan county and is within sixty
8 miles from any gaming facility in a contiguous state, then for a period
9 of forty years the division shall pay into the state treasury, to the
10 credit of the state lottery fund created by section ninety-two-c of the
11 state finance law the greater of (i) twenty-five percent of total reven-
12 ue after payout for prizes for "video lottery games" or (ii) for the
13 first eight years of operation thirty-eight million dollars, and begin-
14 ning in the ninth year of operation such amount shall increase annually
15 by the lesser of the increase in the consumer price index or two percent
16 plus the division shall retain an amount equal to all actual expenses
17 related to operations, administration and procurement of the video
18 lottery terminal operation at the relocated vendor track, provided,
19 however, such amount retained by the division shall not exceed seven
20 percent of total revenue after payout of prizes. In addition, in the
21 event the division makes a payment pursuant to subclause (i) of this
22 clause, the division shall pay to the credit of the state lottery fund
23 created by section ninety-two-c of the state finance law 11.11 percent
24 of the amount by which total revenue after payout for prizes exceeds two

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[] is old law to be omitted.

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1 hundred fifteen million dollars, but in no event shall such payment
2 exceed five million dollars.

3 The balance shall be paid as a vendor's fee to the track operator of
4 the relocated vendor track for serving as a lottery agent under this
5 chapter.

6 Provided, however, that in the case of a relocated vendor track with a
7 qualified capital investment, if at any time after July first, two thou-
8 sand ten the vendor track experiences an employment shortfall, then the
9 recapture amount shall apply, for only such period as the shortfall
10 exists.

11 For the purposes of this section "qualified capital investment" shall
12 mean an investment of a minimum of [one billion] SIX HUNDRED MILLION
13 dollars as reflected by audited financial statements of which not less
14 than three hundred million dollars shall be comprised of equity and/or
15 mezzanine financing as an initial investment in a county where twelve
16 percent of the population is below the federal poverty level as measured
17 by the most recent Bureau of Census Statistics prior to the qualified
18 capital investment commencing that results in the construction, develop-
19 ment or improvement of at least one eighteen hole golf course, and the
20 construction and issuance of certificates of occupancy for hotels, lodg-
21 ing, [convention centers,] spas, dining, retail and entertainment
22 venues, parking garages and other capital improvements at or adjacent to
23 the licensed video gaming facility or licensed vendor track which
24 promote or encourage increased attendance at such facilities.

25 For the purposes of this section, "full-time, permanent employee"
26 shall mean an employee who has worked at the vendor track or related and
27 adjacent facilities for a minimum of thirty-five hours per week for not
28 less than four consecutive weeks and who is entitled to receive the
29 usual and customary fringe benefits extended to other employees with
30 comparable rank and duties; or two part-time employees who have worked
31 at the vendor track or related and adjacent facilities for a combined
32 minimum of thirty-five hours per week for not less than four consecutive
33 weeks and who are entitled to receive the usual and customary fringe
34 benefits extended to other employees with comparable rank and duties.

35 For the purpose of this section "employment goal" shall mean [two] ONE
36 thousand full-time permanent employees.

37 For the purpose of this section "employment shortfall" shall mean a
38 level of employment that falls below the employment goal, as certified
39 annually by vendor's certified accountants and the chairman of the
40 empire state development corporation.

41 For the purposes of this section "recapture amount" shall mean the
42 difference between the amount of the vendor's fee paid to a vendor track
43 with a qualified capital investment, and the vendor fee otherwise paya-
44 ble to a vendor track pursuant to clause (F) of this subparagraph, that
45 is reimbursable by the vendor track to the division for payment into the
46 state treasury, to the credit of the state lottery fund created by
47 section ninety-two-c of the state finance law, due to an employment
48 shortfall pursuant to the following schedule only for the period of the
49 employment shortfall:

50 (i) sixty-six percent of the recapture amount if the employment short-
51 fall is greater than fifty percent of the employment goal;

52 (ii) sixty percent of the recapture amount if the employment shortfall
53 is greater than forty percent of the employment goal;

54 (iii) forty-five percent of the recapture amount if the employment
55 shortfall is greater than thirty percent of the employment goal;

- 1 (iv) twenty percent of the recapture amount if the employment short-
- 2 fall is greater than twenty percent of the employment goal;
- 3 (v) ten percent of the recapture amount if the employment shortfall is
- 4 greater than ten percent of the employment goal.
- 5 S 2. This act shall take effect immediately.